



Amendments to Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A method for treating severe Alzheimer's dementia in a patient in need thereof comprising administering 3.0 mg to 10.0 mg of donepezil 1-benzyl 4-(5,6-dimethoxy 1-indanon)2-yl)methylpiperidine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to treat severe Alzheimer's dementia in the patient; wherein severe Alzheimer's dementia is characterized by a score of 5 to 9 on the Mini-Mental State Examination.

4. (Currently Amended) A method for treating severe Alzheimer's dementia in a patient in need thereof comprising administering 10 mg of donepezil 1-benzyl 4-(5,6-dimethoxy 1-indanon)2-yl)methylpiperidine hydrochloride to treat severe Alzheimer's dementia in the patient; wherein severe Alzheimer's dementia is characterized by a score of 5 to 9 on the Mini-Mental State Examination.

5. (Currently Amended) A method for treating severe Alzheimer's dementia in a patient in need thereof comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of donepezil 1-benzyl 4-(5,6-dimethoxy 1-indanon)2-yl)methylpiperidine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to treat severe Alzheimer's dementia in the patient; wherein severe Alzheimer's dementia is characterized by a score of 5 to 9 on the Mini-Mental State Examination.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, comprising administering 0.3 mg to 50 mg of donepezil 1-benzyl 4-(5,6-dimethoxy 1-indanon)2-yl)methylpiperidine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to treat severe Alzheimer's dementia in the patient.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, comprising administering 3.0 mg to 10.0 mg of donepezil 1-benzyl 4-(5,6-dimethoxy 1-indanon)2-yl)methylpiperidine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to treat severe Alzheimer's dementia in the patient.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (New) The method of claim 3, comprising administering donepezil hydrochloride.

11. (New) The method of claim 3, comprising administering 5 mg of donepezil or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

12. (New) The method of claim 3, comprising administering 10 mg of donepezil or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

13. (New) The method of claim 3, comprising administering 5 mg of donepezil hydrochloride to the patient daily for a period of 4 weeks and then administering 10 mg of donepezil hydrochloride to the patient daily.

14. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein the method for treating severe Alzheimer's dementia results in an improvement in the patient's score on the Mini-Mental State Examination.

15. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein the method for treating severe Alzheimer's dementia results in no change in the patient's score on the Mini-Mental State Examination.

16. (New) The method of claim 4, wherein the method for treating severe Alzheimer's dementia results in an improvement in the patient's score on the Mini-Mental State Examination.

17. (New) The method of claim 4, wherein the method for treating severe Alzheimer's dementia results in no change in the patient's score on the Mini-Mental State Examination.

18. (New) The method of claim 5, comprising administering donepezil hydrochloride.

19. (New) The method of claim 5, comprising administering 0.5 mg to 10 mg of donepezil or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20. (New) The method of claim 5, comprising administering 5 mg of donepezil or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof

21. (New) The method of claim 5, comprising administering 10 mg of donepezil or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

22. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein the method for treating severe Alzheimer's dementia results in an improvement in the patient's score on the Mini-Mental State Examination.

23. (New) The method of claim 3, wherein the method for treating severe Alzheimer's dementia results in no change in the patient's score on the Mini-Mental State Examination.